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Pension Application of Richard Litteral W26220

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At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia the 14th day of May 1818

Richard Litteral an inhabitant of this county and citizen of this state personally appeared before this court, being a court of Record, and made oath that he served as a soldier in the army of the United States in the War of the Revolution that he enlisted with Capt'n John Stith in the 3d Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colo George Baylor on Continental establishment, he believes in the year 1780– that he served in said Regt. untill he was discharged by proclamation in November 1783 as well as he now recollects, having received no other discharge, and that he has no means by which he can support himself than by his daily labour, and that he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Henry Bowyer [pension application W5859] made oath that he was a Lieut't & Adjutant in the first Reg't of Light Dragoons on Contiental establishment in the Army of the Revolution that in the year 1781 or 1782 the said first & third Regimts of Light Dragoons were consolidated, when the sd. Richard Litteral (then a soldier of the sd 3d Reg't) became known to this Depon't, and that sd. Litteral served in sd Regiments (thus consolidated) in the State of S. Carolina untill the army was disbanded in the year 1783

Virginia Botetourt County, to wit,

On this 11th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record for said County Richard Littrel aged 59 years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration (in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820) That he the said Richard Littrel enlisted for two years on the 18th day of May in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt John Stith, in the 3^d Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Colo Bayler that he continued to serve in said Corps untill November 1783 in the State of South Carolina when he was discharged, as will appear by Original Declaration dated & c trit not now in his possession

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule – One horse, 2 sets of Cups & Saucers – 20 plates – 2 dishes, 2 potts 2 skilletts – 4 axes 1 mattock 2 hoes

Richard Littrel

That he is a labourer – that he has living with him his wife & five children

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Richard Litteral/ age 18/ height 5' 7½"/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ farmer/ born in Westmoreland County/ residing in Amherst County where he was drafted on 18 May 1781 for 18 months.

On 20 Feb 1855 while in Knox County TN, Jane Litteral applied for a pension stating that her maiden name was Jane Welch, that she had been the widow of George Champe, and that on or about 26 Aug 1830 she was married to Richard Litteral in the part of Botetourt County that became Craig County by Rev. James Davis. She stated that Richard Litteral died in Botetourt County on 3 Sep 1840. On an

application for bounty land dated 14 Mar 1855 Jane Litteral was said to be 62 years old. On 27 June 1861 she applied to have her pension transferred to Indiana having moved to Wayne County for the following reason: "She says she was born and lived in Botetourt County Virginia until some twelve years ago when she removed to Wayne Co Indiana. She says she obtained her pension papers while on a visit to Tennessee that she now resides in the State of Indiana in the County of Wayne where she intends to remain and wishes her pension to be there payable in future some of her children wishing to remove to Indiana is the Reason that she Removed to where she now lives."